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RE: REQUEST TO CONTINUE NAVY'S INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM (IRP) FOR
NAVAL WEAPONS INDUSTRIAL RESERVE PLANT (NWIRP) CALVERTON UNDER THE
STATE'S SUPERFUND PROGRAM

Dear Mr. Chen:

This letter is a follow-up to our recent telephone conversation in which the Navy has requested to continue the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP) Calverton's Installation Restoration (IR) Program under the CERCLA provisions of the New York State DEC's State Superfund Program. This request is being made as a result of correspondence between Navy representatives and Ms. Katie Murphy of NYSDEC's Region I offices in Stony Brook, New York, in which Ms. Murphy had directed the Navy to renew its 6NYCRR Part 373 Hazardous Waste Management Permit for NWIRP Calverton which expired on March 24, 1997.

The various facilities and functions within the Calverton property which were being regulated by the Part 373 Permit are no longer in use as a result of the Northrop Grumman shutdown of the entire Calverton facility on February 14, 1996. However, termination of the Permit, issued on March 25, 1992, was not allowed due to the fact that the Navy has not yet complied with Module III of the Permit entitled "Corrective Action Requirements for Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs)".

The Navy recognizes the requirement to address those SWMUs which have been identified in Table III-1 of the Part 373 permit. The Navy is currently addressing various SWMUs under both the EPA Region II's and New York State DEC's RCRA Programs. However, the Navy feels that continuing Calverton's IR Program under the State Superfund Program will meet the requirements, intent, and spirit of Module III of the Part 373 Permit, and thereby alleviate the need for renewal of this permit.

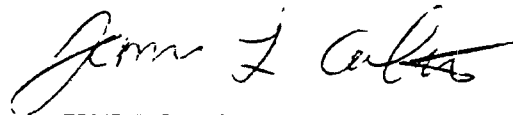
Furthermore, the Navy does agree to continue investigations and remediations, where appropriate, to those SWMUs which were identified in the June 19, 1991 Revised Preliminary Review of NYSDEC's RCRA Facility Assessment Report, as requiring either a sampling visit or RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI). This includes McKay Lake where the Northrop Grumman Corporation is currently conducting environmental investigations.

The Navy will also continue its environmental efforts at those areas of concern which have been identified subsequent to issuance of the Part 373 Permit.

By copy of this letter, the Navy is also requesting that a similar transfer from RCRA authority to CERCLA authority be granted with regards to the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendment (HSWA) Permit issued to the Navy in April 1992 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region II.

If you require additional information or would like to discuss this request further, please give me a call at (610) 595-0567, extension 163.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James L. Colter", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JAMES L. COLTER
Remedial Project Manager
By direction of the
Commanding Officer

Copy to:
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